

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 17, 19, 33 and 35 have been amended. These amendments are supported by specification as filed, for example in paragraphs 0021, 0023 and original claims 3, 19 and 35. Thus, no new matter is added.

All of the presently pending claims are patentable over Begeja et al. (US PG PUB 2003/0030752). Begeja describes a multimedia delivery service that records video segments, analyzes them and classifies them. The classification is used to search content based on requested criteria, and the selected segments are then stitched together and streamed to the user from a video server. Begeja ¶¶ 0022-0026. However, Begeja neither teaches nor suggests receiving user input specifying a set of two or more of the plurality of VOD clips and their sequencing order, as presently claimed.

Notwithstanding the comments in the Office Action, the predetermined order described by Begeja, such as reverse chronological order, is not the same as the presently claimed user specified sequence ordering of the selected VOD clips. Begeja ¶ 0065. For example, Begeja's predetermined order is described as being reverse chronological order or an order based on source of the content. Nowhere does Begeja provide for user input to specify a sequence ordering of selected VOD clips, as presently claimed. Hence, all the present claims are patentable over Begeja.

Adding the teachings of Shimomura et al. US Patent 6,526,580, to those of Begeja does not alter the conclusions set forth above. Shimomura is cited for purportedly describing a method of traversing a decision tree. Even if true, and assuming such teachings were added to those of Begeja, this does not alter the above conclusions regarding the patentability of the present claims. There is no mention of a user specifying the sequencing order of selected VOD clips. Consequently, all the present claims are patentable over this combination of references.

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